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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Minas T. Coroneo

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Title: Methods for Preventing Pressure  
Induced Apoptotic Neural Cell Death

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Group Art Unit: 1614

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Examiner: To be determined

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Thomas J. Wrona, Ph.D.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend  
the specification as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1, 2, and 4-8.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

*Subt A/B*  
~~3. [Amended] A method for the treatment of glaucoma which comprises  
administering to a subject in need of such treatment at least one compound which blocks  
stretch-activated channels of eye retinal ganglion cells or other pressure sensitive retinal  
ganglion cellular mechanisms so as to retinal ganglion cells from apoptotic cell death.~~